FY 2019 Congressional Hearing
Hunters Point Naval Shipyard - San Francisco, CA

Question: What actions is EPA taking to address the falsification of radiation data by the Navy's contractor Tetra Tech EC, Inc at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) in San Francisco, CA?

Talking Points:

- EPA is taking this data falsification very seriously, as preventing current and future residents and workers from being exposed to contamination is our utmost priority.
- EPA's radiation experts are carefully reviewing all the Navy's work at this Site.

Background:

- The 934-acre HPNS is the largest and most complex Navy Superfund cleanup nationwide. Cleanup will cost over $1 billion.
- The Navy is the lead agency responsible for the investigation and cleanup of HPNS. EPA and the State of California oversee and enforce Navy compliance with CERCLA and state and local requirements.
- San Francisco is redeveloping the site and nearby Candlestick Park. It plans to eventually create over 10,000 homes, 10,000 jobs, R&D space, and parks.
- The Navy has already transferred four parcels to San Francisco for redevelopment. At these parcels, procedures and protocols are protecting workers and residents from concerns associated with falsification.
- The Navy, under EPA and State oversight, plans in 2018 to begin resampling and, if necessary carry out additional cleanup.
- Local leaders have expressed concerns about exposure to residents and delay of redevelopment. Reporters and local activists have questioned site cleanup standards and health threats to residents and workers.
- The Navy's draft data evaluation reports, which are public, show signs of widespread falsification. The Navy therefore publicly committed to resample all locations where Tetra Tech EC, Inc., did radiological work. The degree of sampling at each location will be determined in a forthcoming draft workplan and site-specific plans.
- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 2016 concluded an enforcement action related to some of the allegations of falsification.

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